

Meeting Notes

Ward 5 State of the Schools: Parent Engagement Breakout

April 2, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

McKinley Tech. HS

Facilitator: Dr. Jeffrey Grant

Notes:

How do we instill public confidence in our DCPS neighborhood schools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Parents should have confidence in their neighborhood school to provide their children the best education possible▪ How do we stop parents/potential parents from enrolling their children elsewhere?
Parent Resource Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Need a Ward 5 parent resource center▪ How can we better utilize the resource centers currently operating in Ward 5 schools?
Communication between teachers and parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Where is there room for improvement in the communication between parents and teachers to support student achievement?
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Given the state of our schools how do we inject money into DCPS schools now not later?▪ Alternative budget solutions?

Communication → Continuous Outreach → Programming → Strong & Inclusive Parent Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What programming fosters better communication and continuous outreach?
Goals of Family Engagement	1 Raise academic achievement of students 2 Build relationships
How do we measure parent/family engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -interviews -focus groups
Special needs support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need increased engagement for parents with special needs children
Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach to churches and DCPS alumni These are two resources not being utilized
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are we holding parents accountable for? Parents must hold each other accountable

Support for School Parent Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How do we help schools without strong parent organizations?
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